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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 07/29/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues that Takashima (104 of fig. 5) does not disclose a current byte count of the uncompressed image data.

The examiner strongly disagrees with the applicant. It is submitted that Takashima discloses the counter 104 is shown on FIG. 5 to be made up of a picture counter 104a, a macro-block counter 104b and a counter 104c for performing various other counting operations, wherein various counting operations includes counting number of values for the rate control, 107 of fig. 5; and the rate control uses one of the various counting operations to count number of bits (8 bits is a byte) of the current picture (S412 of fig. 8) and number of bits per macroblock (S413 of fig. 8). This disclosure clearly suggests the current byte count for adjusting the bit rate by the rate control (107 of fig. 5).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung Vo whose telephone number is 571-272-7340. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday, Friday.

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